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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Judge Pamela L. Lightvoet of Kalamazoo Circuit Court named to Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review by Michigan Supreme Court
Reappointed: Denise M. Kizy of Beverly Hills, Bonnie L. Rozema of Byron Center

[Press release](#)

"Business Court" judge assignments announced by Michigan Supreme Court

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The Detroit News: Judge allows challenge to Michigan's right-to-work law

"An Ingham County judge on Wednesday rejected the state of Michigan's request to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the week-old right-to-work law on grounds the public was unlawfully locked out of the Capitol during heated debate on the bill in December. Circuit Judge William Collette is allowing the suit brought by the ACLU of Michigan and labor unions to move forward."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Judge: Right-to-work challenge alleging OMA violation will move forward

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Judge refuses to dismiss right-to-work lawsuit

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Midland Daily News, the Oakland Press, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing, WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit, and WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit.

Lansing State Journal: Judge: Right-to-work challenge alleging OMA violation will move forward

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Judge denies attorney general's request to dismiss suit to repeal right-to-work law

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan right-to-work challenge advances: Judge denies motion to dismiss Open Meetings Act suit

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Wayne County clerk to expand civil case e-filings

Wayne County is expanding its electronic filing system for attorneys in civil cases.... The county began its pilot e-filing program in 2011. The order to expand to more cases was granted last month by the state Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Wayne County clerk to expand civil case e-filings

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Detroit Free Press: Murder charge reinstated against Huron County mother accused of killing toddler

"[Huron County Circuit Court Judge M. Richard Knoblock] has reinstated a murder charge against a woman who prosecutors say killed her toddler son in late 2011.... The charges had been dismissed in district court last year."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Huron Daily Tribune/Bad Axe: Murder charge reinstated in toddler's death

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Warren law clerk fired, accused of taking \$300 in court fees

"A law clerk with the Warren city attorney's office has been fired and police are investigating after a court defendant accused the clerk of taking \$300 in cash intended to pay court fees and fines, according to investigators."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Schneider named a 'Leader in the Law'

"Matthew Schneider, the Michigan Supreme Court's Chief of Staff and General Counsel, has been recognized as a 'Leader in the Law' by Michigan Lawyers Weekly."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Paperless courts: Michigan bill will establish SCAO policies, practices statewide

"A measure to remove one of the last roadblocks to true paperless court records and filing, House Bill 4064, has passed the House and should be through the Senate and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder by summer."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Justice much delayed

"Decades in prison could have broken two brothers' spirits and burdened them with a sense of hopelessness that can deaden the soul. But Thomas and Raymond Highers, less than a year apart in age, never gave up trying to prove that they were innocent of murder. Their hope, and the hard work of family members and some dedicated attorneys, kept their case alive."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Super drunk with kids in car: 'This has got to stop,' judge tells Wyoming man who tested 0.46

"A Wyoming father was harshly reprimanded and sentenced to six months in the Kent County Jail after police say he drove with a blood-alcohol level more than four times the legal limit and crashed into the front yard of a Fulton Street home. Two of his children, ages 10 and 6, were riding with him at the time."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Judge denies appeal for Three Rivers medical marijuana patient convicted of selling pot

"A Three Rivers business owner, who was convicted of two counts of delivery of marijuana in 2011, has been denied his appeal. Jayden Christner claimed that he was denied his constitutional right to present a defense, but the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld his conviction, according to an opinion issued last month."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Three Rivers Commercial-News: TR marijuana appeal denied

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo Central mock trial team going to national tournament after Clarkston drops out

"Kalamazoo Central High School's mock trial team got word at 3 p.m. Tuesday that they'll be representing Michigan in the national tournament. By 5 p.m., the students were at a practice session."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb lawyer accused of theft waives right to hearing

"[Attorney Robert C. Buschmohle], accused of embezzling nearly \$400,000 from two young adults' trust fund, waived his right to a preliminary examination and will face a criminal charge in circuit court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Attorney accused of draining boys' trust fund headed to Macomb court

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Obituary: Judge Michael Stacey

"Judge Michael Stacey of West Bloomfield died March 3. He was 90 years old. A former Wayne County Circuit Court Judge, he graduated from Wayne State University Law School. Before becoming a judge, he was in private practice and ran one of the first mediation panels in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Civil docket focus of next ADTC meeting, April 9

"The Association of Defense Trial Counsel will host its next meeting on Tuesday, April 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Gowanie Golf & Country Club located at 24770 South River Road in Harrison Township. Guest speaker Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Mark Switalksi will discuss 'A Welcome Back to the Civil Docket.' "

[Full story](#)

The State News/East Lansing: If same-sex debate goes to states, Michigan must choose route

"People still are talking about the arguments the U.S. Supreme Court heard for and against same-sex marriage and what it might mean for the future of marriage in the U.S. and Michigan.... Michigan Supreme Court Associate Justice David Viviano could not comment on the pending national same-sex marriage case, but said a case related to state benefits reasonably could be brought to the Michigan Supreme Court in the future."

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